

Professional Ethics

Law

The duties that constrain what a lawyer may do for a client.

Core obligations.

Duties

Do not mislead the court

Maintain client confidentiality

Avoid conflicts of interest

Act competently and promptly

Protect client money strictly

Conflicts in practice

Client instructs you to advance a false account

Two clients with opposing interests

Confidential information from a former client

Your own interest in the outcome

Educational reference. Codes vary by jurisdiction, but the priority of the court over the client is close to universal.